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REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to express their appreciation to Examiner Gary for the courtesies extended to attorney James Milton during a telephone interview on July 13, 2005. The telephone interview involved a discussion of the objection to claim 17 and the rejection of independent claims 1, 12, and 26. Although agreement was not reached on whether applicants' claims overcome the cited reference, Examiner Gary did agree to reconsider the claims.

After the foregoing amendment, claims 1-26 are pending in the application.

Claim Objection

Claim 17 was objected to for an informality. As discussed with the Examiner, this objection is inappropriate and should be removed as there is proper antecedent basis for "the timer".

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have responded by amending claim 1, from which claims 10 and 11 depend, to show that a weather alert notification component is used to register the mobile station.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e)

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,560,456 issued to Lohtia et al. on May 6, 2003.

This ground of rejection is avoided for the following reason.

Independent claim 1, as amended, now recites, "registering the mobile station with a weather alert notification component upon receipt of the SMS request from the mobile station".

Lothia does not teach this limitation. In fact, Lothia does not disclose registration of the mobile station at all. Instead, Lothia discloses that a wireless user can request preselected information or data using SMS. Thus, the clear teaching of Lothia is that a mobile station can use SMS to request preselected information, however, the mobile station is **NOT** registered for a weather alert service upon receipt of the SMS message.

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In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that Lothia does not describe each and every element of claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is not anticipated by Lothia. Since claims 2-10 depend from allowable claim 1, these claims are also allowable.

Independent claims 12 and 26 each have a limitation similar to that of independent claim 1, which was shown is not taught by Lothia. Therefore, claims 12 and 26 are likewise allowable over Lothia. Since claims 13-25 depend from claim 12, these dependent claims are also allowable.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner still believes that there are unresolved issues, she is invited to call applicants' attorney so that arrangements may be made to discuss and resolve any such issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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